

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please set forth the title of the application to read as follows consistent with the title provided on the application and the executed application documents:*

--WRITING INSTRUMENT--.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 12, line 20, with the following:*

The barrel 10 is constituted of, for example, a synthetic resin, and a small diameter part 10a having a taper part at a tip side and a large diameter part 10b are integrated. Adopted is a structure in which an fitting part 11 into which a pen tip [[20]] 40 is fitted is present in the small diameter part 10a and in which the ink occlusion body 20 impregnated with an ink for a writing instrument and the ink guiding feed 30 are mounted in the inside of the large diameter part 10b.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 18, line 25, with the following:*

The ink impregnated into the ink occlusion body 20 described above shall not specifically be restricted as long as it is an ink for a writing instrument such as a water-based ink and an oil-based ink having the respective blend compositions which are usually used, and it includes water-based ink and oil-based inks for a felt-tip pen, a marking pen, a ballpoint pen and a marker for a white board depending on uses. A surface tension of the ink is controlled preferably to 18 mN/m or more, more preferably to 20 to 50 mN/m at 25°C in order to detect well a sign of exhausting the ink in the ink guiding feed 30. A surface tension of the ink can be controlled by blending, if necessary, the ink with a surfactant.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 35, line 6, with the following:*

If a cross-sectional area  $W_1$  of the above an inter-feeder 25 is less than 1 %, an amount of the ink fed from the ink occlusion body 20 is short, though depending on the form of the pen tip 40, and brought about are the problems that the drawn lines cause starving and that the followability to quick writing is inferior. On the other hand, if it exceeds 90 %, not only the inter-feeder 25 is less liable to be inserted into the ink occlusion body 20, but also the function of the ink occlusion body 20 decreases, and the writing instrument can not be distinguished from a conventional writing instrument of a sliver type having the inter-feeder 25 in place of the occlusion body 20 which merely replaces the whole occlusion body 20 with the inter-feeder 25.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 36, line 14, with the following:*

In the above writing instrument H of the eleventh eighth embodiment, employed is a structure in which the ink impregnated into the ink occlusion body 20 usually passes through the ink guiding feed 30 via the inter-feeder 25 and is fed to the pen tip 40, and therefore when the ink impregnated into the ink occlusion body 20 is decreased and exhausted by writing, that can be found by the absence of the ink passing through the ink guiding feed 30.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 38, line 24, with the following:*

Fig. 13 (a) and (b) show the ninth embodiment of the present invention. The writing instrument I of the present ninth embodiment is different from the writing instrument H of the ninth eighth embodiment described above only in the point that it is of a structure in which an ink fed to an ink guiding feed 30 having visibility from an

inter-feeder 25 is fed to a pen tip 40 via a pen tip feeder 28 inserted into a front end part 30b of the ink guiding feed 30.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 41, line 11, with the following:*

In the writing instrument J of the above present tenth embodiment, the ink impregnated into the ink occlusion body 20 passes through the ink guiding feeds 31, 32 via the inter-feeders 25b, 25c and is fed to the pen tip 40 as is the case with the eighth embodiment described above, whereby writing becomes possible. Further, in the above writing instrument [[B]] J, the respective end parts 31a, 32a of the ink guiding feeds are inserted into the ink occlusion body 20 with a difference  $X_1$  in length, and the respective end parts of the inter-feeders 25b, 25c are inserted into the ink occlusion body 20 with a difference  $X_2$  in length. Accordingly, the ink impregnated into the ink occlusion body at the maximum rate is gradually consumed by writing, and when the ink stops flowing through the long ink guiding feed 31 via the inter-feeder 25b, it is detected via the visible part 12 that, for example, about 80 % of the ink remains in the ink occlusion body 20. Then, the ink is consumed by further writing, and when the ink stops flowing through the short ink guiding feed 32 via the inter-feeder 25c, it can be detected via the visible part 12 that the ink is exhausted from the ink occlusion body 20.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 43, line , 11 with the following:*

The writing instrument K of the present eleventh embodiment is different from the writing instrument H of the eighth embodiment described above only in the point that an ink guiding feed 35 is filled with a fiber bundle or a porous sintered body of resin particles which has a smaller surface tension than that of an ink impregnated

into an ink occlusion body 20 and has a different color from that of the ink, for example, a fiber bundle or a porous sintered body of resin particles 36 comprising polyethylene tetrafluoride [Fig. 15 (b)] or a fiber bundle or a porous sintered body of resin particles 37 comprising polyvinylidene fluoride [Fig. 15 (c)], whereby a passage cross-sectional area for the ink flowing through the ink guiding feed and flow resistance of the ink are substantially controlled while maintaining an apparent cross-sectional area of the ink guiding feed 35. Since an inserted part of an inter-feeder 25 is inserted into a rear end part of the ink guiding feed 35, a length of the fiber bundle or the porous sintered body of resin particles 36 or 37 is shorter than a length of the ink guiding feed [[30]] 35.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 44, line 22, with the following:*

In the writing instrument K of the present eleventh embodiment, the ink impregnated into the ink occlusion body 20 passes, via the inter-feeder 25d, through the ink guiding feed 35 having visibility into which the bar-like fiber bundle or porous sintered body of resin particles 36 or 37 is inserted without bringing into contact with an inner wall of the ink guiding feed 35, and it is fed to the pen tip 40, whereby writing becomes possible. In the above writing instrument [[D]] K, the fiber bundle or porous sintered body of resin particles 36 or 37 which has a smaller surface tension than that of the ink and has a different color from that of the ink is provided in the inside of the ink guiding feed 35 without bringing into contact with an inner wall of the ink guiding feed 35, whereby a passage cross-sectional area for the ink flowing through the ink guiding feed 35 can be reduced to thereby substantially reduce the cross-sectional area of the ink guiding feed while maintaining an apparent cross-sectional area. Thus, a volume of the ink flowing through the ink guiding feed 35 can

be reduced as well, and therefore a function of detecting a sign of exhausting the ink and a problem of ink excess discharge at that time can be solved at the same time.

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 49, line 7, with the following:*

For example, the respective embodiments of the first embodiment (including the variant example shown in Fig. 4) to the fourteenth embodiment each described above may suitably be combined; for example, the third or fourth embodiment may be applied to the writing instrument of the fifth or sixth embodiment; the second to fourth embodiments may be applied respectively to the writing instrument of the seventh embodiment; further, the writing instrument [[C]] G of the seventh embodiment may be provided with an inter-feeder; and in the respective writing instruments A to G of the respective embodiments of the first to seventh embodiments, a pen tip feeder for efficiently feeding the ink contained in the ink guiding feed 30 to the pen tip 40 may be further added separately or integrally with the pen tip.

*Please replace Page 52, lines 24-25, with the following:*

Surfactant (~~Ingen-P~~ Noigen p, manufactured by  
Daiichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.)

*Please replace Page 66, lines 11-12, with the following:*

Surfactant (~~Ingen-P~~ Noigen p, manufactured by  
Daiichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.)

*Please replace the paragraph at Page 76, line 24, with the following:*

In a ballpoint pen obtained in the constitution described above, it could be visually observed via a visible part 12 that after assembling, an ink passed through an ink guiding feed 30, and then it was found that the ink penetrated into a pen tip 40 and that good drawn lines could be written as a ~~felt tip~~ ballpoint pen.